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Art Group: 1734

Examiner: TBA

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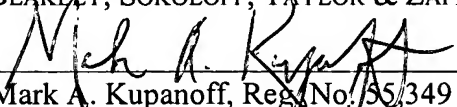
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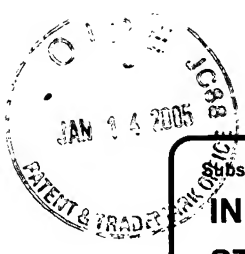
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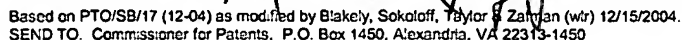
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1203 360	2203 180	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204 300	2204 150	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
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